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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Brad Lane, Production Engineer  
Wesco Operating, Inc.  
120 S. Durbin  
P.O. Box 1650  
Casper, Wyoming 82602

Re: Underground Injection Control (UIC); Notice of Violation: Loss of Mechanical Integrity for the Lander 79 Well (EPA Well ID# WY20000-02206, API # 43-013-20372) – Lander Oil Field, Fremont County, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Lane:

On September 9, 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency learned by way of a telephone call from you that the Wesco Operating, Inc. injection well referenced above lost mechanical integrity on September 9, 2016. Pursuant to Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 144.28(f)(2) (40 C.F.R. § 144.28(f)(2)), you must establish and maintain mechanical integrity. A loss of mechanical integrity is a violation of this requirement.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 144.28(f)(3), you must immediately cease injection into this well. Before injection may resume, you must demonstrate that the well has mechanical integrity by passing a mechanical integrity test (MIT). You must also receive written authorization from the EPA.

In that same telephone call referenced above, you described the action you intend to take regarding the well. It is expected that you will return this well to compliance within ninety (90) days of the loss of mechanical integrity. If you choose to plug and abandon this well, the approved plugging and abandonment plan that is incorporated into the permit must be followed. Any deviation from that plan must be submitted to the EPA for approval prior to the plugging operation.

Any failure to comply with the UIC regulations found at 40 C.F.R. parts 144, 146, and 148 is subject to enforcement by the EPA, as provided in section 1423 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Gary Wang at (303) 312-6469. Please direct all correspondence to the attention of Gary Wang at Mail Code 8ENF-UFO.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Regional Administrator  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice

cc: Darwin St. Clair, Jr., Chairman  
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